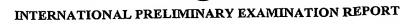


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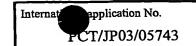
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2. Citations and explanations

The subject matters of claims 1, 4 and 7 amended based on Article 19 (claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 deleted) are neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.